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SUBJECT: SOVIET TRANSPOLAR FLIGHT COMMEMORATIVE

REF: MOSCOW 8333; STATE 70352, 59554 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPT PASSING TO EMBASSY AND INFO ADDRESSEES BASIC
OUTLINE OF UPCOMING TRANSPOLAR FLIGHT COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVIT-
-IES FOR WEEK OF JUNE 18 THRU JUNE 25.

2. DEPT CONFIRMS THAT SOV EMB REQUESTED AND WAS GRANTED
FLIGHT CLEARANCE FOR DIRECT FLT FROM MOSCOW TO SEATTLE
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INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT VIA EXCHANGE OF NOTES. SOVIET NOTE

NO. 20 DATED JUNE 5; US REPLY NOTE DATED JUNE 12. US NOTE MADE DIRECT REFERENCE TO FACT SEATTLE IN CLOSED ZONE, AND USG GRANTING EXCEPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH US POLICY TO FACILITATE TRAVEL ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS. USG ASSUMES SOV EMB WILL OBTAIN APPROPRIATE CLEARANCES FROM THE CANADIAN GOVT TO PERMIT THE FLIGHT TO ENTER US AIR SPACE AT SEATTLE.

3. US SENDING THREE-MAN USAF ESCORT TO MOSCOW TO JOIN SOVIET FLIGHT. USDAO ALREADY NOTIFIED THROUGH DOD CABLE. USAF ESCORT PERSONNEL ARE:

----- LT.COL. JOHN BERKEY (NAVIGATOR)

----- CAPT. YAROSLAV KOSTAL (PILOT)

----- T/SGT. JOEL KIRBY (RADIO OPERATOR)

4. US ESCORT CREW LEAVES US (NYC) VIA PAN AM JUNE 16 AT 6PM NEW YORK TIME. FLT NUMBER IS 44. ESTIMATED ARRIVAL MOSCOW TIME JUNE 17 AT 12:20PM. REQUEST EMBASSY RENDER APPROPRIATE SERVICES TO ESCORT CREW.

-5. DEPT VIEWS TRANSPOLAR COMMEMORATIVE AS ESSENTIALLY -PRIVATE MATTER INITIATED BY CITIZENS OF VANCOUVER, WASH. AND NEIGHBORING CITIES. ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACTIVITIES AT VANCOUVER MONUMENT SITE ARE BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY COMMITTEE OF LOCAL CITIZENS. MR. JAMES FOWLER, A LOCAL PUBLIC RELATIONS EXECUTIVE, IS SERVING AS COORDINATOR FOR THE COMMITTEE IN ITS RELATIONS WITH SOV EMB, THE DEPT, AND THE US PUBLIC AT LARGE. IN VIEW OF SIGNIFICANT -INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR OF PLANNED PROGRAM, DEPT CONSIDERING -SENDING EUR/SOV OFFICER AS DEPT REP. DEPT WILL ADVISE -EMBASSY ON DECISION. MR. FOWLER HAS BEEN IN DAILY CONTACT -WITH EUR/SOV.

-6. DEPT WILL RESPOND TO EMBASSY REQUEST FOR PRESS -GUIDANCE BY SEPTTEL.

7. DEPT WILL ALSO FORWARD INFORMATION ON PROGRAM OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIVITIES FOR TRANSPOLAR COMMEMORATIVE VIA SEPTTEL.

8. ACCORDING TO THE SOV EMB NOTE, HERE IS FLT SCHEDULE:

JUNE 18 IL-62 DEPARTS MOSCOW 0700 ZULU; TRANSITS NORTH POLE 1207 ZULU; ARRIVES SEATTLE 1800 ZULU. DEPT WILL FORWARD ADDITIONAL DATA FOR SUBSEQUENT PHASES SLATED FOR SAN FRANCISCO, PORTLAND, OREGON, AND WASHINGTON, D.C. KISSINGER

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